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My dear Dr. Tatum:

Dean Rappleye of the Columbia Medical school has just announced what is, from my viewpoint, some very good news- that my class will be allowed to take a vacation from ca. March 20 to Sept. 10 1946. Since I am also no longer on active duty in the Navy, this enables me to endorse my acceptance of your previously tendered suggestion that I come to Yale next Spring. The dates I mention are not rigid, and it may be even somewhat earlier in March that we will be let off, depending on exam schedules.

It will of course be desirable to meet personally to discuss this matter; Ryan tells me that he expects you to be in N.Y. in not too many weeks however. I hope that a fairly definite arrangement can be concluded soon however, to avoid obvious embarrassment concerning my activity next year. Rittenberg seems to be becoming faintly interested in the metabolism of Neurospora and the bacterial mutants, and something may eventually turn up along those lines. Anticipating, for the moment that I will be at Yale, I am looking forward quite enthusiastically to working with you, on the basis of your papers, and Ryan's information.

Very sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg,